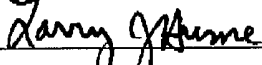


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In response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2003 (Paper No. 15), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

No fees are due with this amendment.